



Defence Minister Shimon Peres gives welcome handshake to Prime Minister Rabin at Ben-Gurion airport on Friday. Partially hidden behind the Prime Minister is Justice Minister Haim Zakok. (Camera 13)

## Gov't may slash subsidies in a 'creeping fashion'

## Bid to avoid rift between Rabin, Peres

**By YITZHAK OKED**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

**AVIV.** — The Government may make a surprise move to slash subsidies all at once. The subsidies are expected to be slashed April 1, since no provision has been made in the new budget to maintain subsidies at their present level.

Despite the Government's promise in the Histadrut that no subsidies would be cut before April 1, it is expected that the target date is being set forward by one month — March 1, — for Egged bus fares.

In an exclusive interview, Agriculture Minister Aharon Uzan told *The Jerusalem Post* he had asked the Cabinet to consider his proposal to slash subsidies. Uzan said that he hopes his proposal would be approved in a "creeping fashion," as the mini-devaluations.

Subsidies would not be slashed at one time, as in the past, but they will be reduced slightly at regular intervals. This will mean a gradual rise in the price of consumer goods to the consumer.

"The housewives in this way will feel the price increases like small sin drops, instead of like a downpour," he said.

"The price increases which are planned are not the first in the history of the state, and we have learned something from previous price rises. One of these lessons is that in the period immediately after the cuts, the public goes into a state of shock. There is a drop

in the quantities bought.

"The best example is the petrol price hike. For a couple of months the consumer writes down every kilometre he travels, and doesn't make unnecessary trips. But after a few months, we are back where we started," he said.

"Since we are discussing basic commodities and agricultural products — like bread, milk and dairy products — the lowering of the subsidies must be carried out during a longer period of time. This way, the housewife will not feel it so drastically."

On Friday, Government officials together with Egged and Bank Hapoalim representatives reached an agreement under which Bank Hapoalim becomes the trustee for Egged securities in Mifalot Tahanot (Egged's subsidiaries).

Under this arrangement, Bank Hapoalim gave Egged IL50m. — and not a lower sum as published on Friday. It was also reliably learned the Government is planning to advance payment of about IL20m. in subsidies to Egged for the month of February.

There was no comment from Egged on reports that these funds would keep the cooperative afloat for only a few weeks.

From the funds it receives, Egged has to pay outstanding debts, including December wages for its members and employees. The real test of Egged's financial situation will be on February 15, when Egged will have to pay January's wages.

**Jerusalem Post Political Reporter**

The Labour Party leadership is making strenuous efforts to ease the tension and to avoid an open rift between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Defence Minister Shimon Peres. The criticism of Israel's military shopping list which was attributed to a "senior source" in Rabin's party during the Premier's visit in Washington, is to be raised at today's Cabinet session. Mr. Rabin is expected to try to put matters into their proper proportion and to emphasize that he did not mean to find fault with the defence establishment. The critical reference was to what he termed "exaggerated lists" that "we submitted," the Premier is to explain.

The better part of Mr. Rabin's report to the Cabinet is to be devoted, however, to the political achievements of the Prime Minister's visit which are founded on the basic understanding between Jerusalem and Washington that there is no room for a third, Palestinian state in the West Bank and that efforts should be made to get some negotiations with Jordan started.

Only few hours after his arrival, Mr. Rabin met Friday evening in Tel Aviv with Foreign Minister Yigal Alon and Mr. Peres to give them a first-hand briefing of his visit to the U.S. The controversial issue of criticism of Israel's military shopping list did not come up at the meeting.

Mr. Peres has refrained, so far, from reacting publicly to Mr. Rabin's criticism and is expected to state his case for the first time at today's Cabinet session. He is expected to emphasize that the basic components of the military shopping list had already been prepared early in 1974 when Gahal was Prime Minister and Moshe Dayan was Defence Minister. Moreover, the idea of including several items of sophisticated weaponry was based on a request by the U.S. Administration following the January 1974 disengagement with Egypt, to prepare a comprehensive, long-term shopping list that would attempt to forecast Israel's defence needs up to the mid-eighties. Mr. Peres is expected to explain.

Meanwhile, Labour Party Secretary-General Meir Zarmi is to meet with Mr. Rabin today to map out strategy for tomorrow's Alignment Knesset faction meeting and the subsequent Government statement on the Likud's no-confidence motion. Mr. Zarmi told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that every effort is being made to mend the fences of the party leadership and to avoid an internal crisis.

But, at the same time, Mr. Rabin (Continued on page 2, col. 7)

## Rabin: 'Corrective list' of arms submitted

### TARGET: PEACE 'OR CLOSE TO IT'

**BEN-GURION AIRPORT.** — The U.S. and Israel have agreed to aim much further in their Middle East peace efforts than has been done in the interim agreement with Egypt — with the target to be peace or "something very close to it," Prime Minister Rabin said here on Friday on his return from an 11-day visit to the U.S.

He summed up his visit, saying Israel had not always received all the armaments it asked for and this was true this time as well. However, "we have obtained approval for a serious addition to the IDF's strength," Rabin said. He added that the U.S. will provide Israel next year with the same economic aid as this year, if not more, while making it possible to obtain the approved arms even if all the money is not there.

Rabin emphasized that during his talks with President Ford, Secretary of State Kissinger and other U.S. officials, they did not discuss "maps." They agreed, he said, that peace efforts should not concentrate on any one Arab state, but should be directed at all of them, and that the U.S. would not recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization, nor agree to a third state between Israel and Jordan.

The Prime Minister refused to discuss details concerning the arms requests list, over which a controversy arose during his visit. "A list was submitted to the (U.S.) Administration. It contained a number of items, which had been included for reasons I am not prepared to discuss, and we noticed that their inclusion could hurt the main targets of the list. In mid-December Israel submitted a 'corrective list' which I will not disclose — but which removed some items and reduced the scope of purchases."

Unfortunately, Rabin continued, circles in the Senate and the press less sympathetic to Israel exploited

some of these items — "and I'm glad we had the courage to correct this." He conceded this occurred while Congress was in session, after testimony at hearings had already been given. But he added: "This is one of the important things we must acquire in our public life. When there is a fault or a deficiency we must correct them, not try to blot them over."

When one of the newsmen at the airport asked Rabin if the references in the "purchase lists" were to Defence Minister Shimon Peres, the Premier became annoyed and asked the reporters to ask "more appropriate questions." Peres was among the Cabinet Ministers who came to greet Rabin at the airport — these included all but the religious ministers, who did not want to risk violating the Sabbath — but Peres just shook Rabin's hand as he came off the plane, and left.

Rabin also said an important part of his visit was meetings with leaders and members of Jewish communities in the U.S., whom he found steadfastly ready to continue support for Israel. He said he was particularly heartened by a meeting with 3,000 Jewish youngsters in Los Angeles, who impressed him with their spirit, knowledge of Jewish affairs and familiarity with Israel's problems.

**Jordan House dispersed**

**POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent**

King Hussein yesterday dispersed Jordan's Parliament which he convened for a day on Friday after having dissolved it 15 months ago as a result of the 1974 Rabat summit. Arab leaders then decided to transfer the responsibility as well as the representation for the West Bank from Jordan to the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Hussein had reconvened the Parliament, whose 60 seats are equally divided between the two banks of the Jordan river, to amend the constitution with the aim of empowering him to postpone new parliamentary elections indefinitely. The measure in practice allows Hussein also to revive the outgoing Parliament whenever he deems fit. In protests to Arab governments

over the weekend, the PLO claimed that Hussein's recall of West Bank deputies for the emergency parliamentary session contravened the Rabat summit delegations which acknowledged the PLO as "the sole representative of the Palestinian people." The PLO said that it planned to summon its executive council to debate Hussein's "dangerous move."

In Kuwait, the influential newspaper "Al-Rai al-Aam" yesterday accused Jordan of reversing its adherence to the Rabat summit decision. The paper said Jordan appeared to be taking advantage of its newly established alliance with Syria to direct a blow at the PLO. Meanwhile, Syrian Premier Melki (Continued on page 2, col. 7)

## Seen as temporary appointment

## Security Minister

## China's acting PM

**BEIJING.** — China announced last night that Public Security Minister Huo Feng had been appointed acting Premier following the death of Zhou En-lai last month. The appointment, which came as a surprise, was confirmed in an official New China News Agency report.

NCNA referred to Huo as Acting Premier for the first time in an account of a meeting he had yesterday with Venezuela's new ambassador.

It was not clear if Huo had been made a temporary caretaker or whether his name would be passed on to the National People's Congress — the rubber-stamp parliament — for ratification as Premier.

The man almost universally tipped to succeed Zhou was Teng Hsiao-ping, the most senior of the 12 vice-premiers who had fulfilled major state functions since Zhou fell ill.

Huo, who is in his mid-fifties, has not been openly identified with either radicals or moderates in the leadership, unlike Teng. The ninth-ranking vice-premier among 12, he was recognized as one of the fast-rising politicians in the Communist hierarchy but diplomats had not regarded him as a successor to Zhou.

Observers speculated he may have been chosen as a neutral compromise because party heads had been unable to agree on any of the better-known candidates such as Teng or Chang Chun-chiao. They linked the surprise development with an extraordinary attack in the "People's Daily" on Friday on "capitalist roaders" and rightist deviationists in positions of power.

Some saw this as criticism of Teng — who was branded a capitalist "roader" during the 1966 cultural revolution. But observers hesitated about interpreting Huo's promotion as a major setback for 71-year-old Teng, who was host during President Ford's trip here last December.

## Tremors continue in Guatemala

**GUATEMALA CITY.** — Earth tremors rocked Guatemala City all night after a second major quake on Friday added its toll to the death and destruction caused by Wednesday's big earthquake.

No final tally is available of the latest casualties or damage. But reports filtering in from remote areas showed the number of deaths from Wednesday's tremor alone to about 1,000. The death toll may rise to 14,000, according to reports.

Every few hours, a fresh, felt tremor hit the city — where 80 were killed in the first tremor and 180,000 made homeless — to shake to an alarming degree.

Fresh cracks appeared even in strong, modern structures, and many people preferred to sleep in the open, even when their own homes had not been damaged.

Many hotels and tall office blocks have been closed on government orders.

(Israel is sending medicine and medicines to Guatemala today, Foreign Ministry spokesman announced last night. The shipment was planned in cooperation with Guatemala's Ambassador in Jerusalem, Col. Ramiro Gereda Asturias. (Earlier story, page 4).)

Among the first Americans to have a chance to get acquainted with Huo in his new post will be former President Nixon and his wife Pat who are scheduled to begin a private visit to China on February 21.

Huo's early background is unknown. From 1953 to 1967 he served as vice-governor of Hunan Province and as alternate secretary of the Chinese Communist party's Hunan provincial committee.

He is said to be one of China's top agricultural experts, having delivered a report last October 15 at a nationwide agriculture conference. Japanese agriculture teams visiting China in recent months report that Huo met them frequently. He is credited with conducting successful water conservation and irrigation district command in Hunan, his native province. (Reuters, AP)



Wrapped-up MiG-17 jet fighter, supplied by the Soviets to the MPLA, lies at edge of runway at airport in Lusanda, Angola. MiGs are reported to have begun operations with the MPLA though it is not clear (AP radiophoto)

## Angry clash in UN over Angola

**UNITED NATIONS.** — The U.S. and Britain clashed angrily with the Soviet Union in the Security Council on Friday night over the Angola conflict, with U.S. Ambassador Daniel Patrick Moynihan accusing the Soviet counterpart of "scurrilous bullying."

The Soviet delegate, Jacob Malik, repeated Moscow's criticisms of British Conservative opposition leader Margaret Thatcher and said London had become the centre for the recruitment of "bandits and hirelings" for service against the Angolan government.

He was responding to a reference by the British representative, James Murray, to Soviet and Cuban military involvement in Angola.

Malik complained of "slandorous charges" by the United States about Russia's intervention in Angola and

cautioned it to "take care."

Moynihan replied: "We are not intimidated. We are not afraid. We will not take care. We do not give a damn."

The exchange interrupted a U.N. Security Council debate on the Comoro Islands. (See "French," Page 4).

Malik had provoked Moynihan by complaining of "slandorous charges against the Soviet Union that it intends to colonize Africa" and by declaring that none, "be they ministers, ambassadors or senators" could cover up the "universally acknowledged truth" that Soviet aid in Angola sought only the people's freedom and no Soviet economic, military or other advantage.

Moynihan fired back: "The distinguished ambassador may speak — as anyone may speak — as you will

of this ambassador. Do not, however, presume to speak of my Secretary of State in the language of a purge trial."

Moynihan charged that the Russian Ambassador had taken the council "Archipelago" to evoking the Gulag Archipelago — a reference to the writings of Alexander Solzhenitsyn about life in Soviet prison camps.

Moynihan resigned his ambassadorship a week ago, but is staying through February to serve a one-month term as President of the Security Council.

Speaking as the U.S. representative, Moynihan said Malik's language "took us back to the grimmest days of the Cold War."

Malik interrupted to say the (Continued on page 2, col. 7)

## New U.S. list for arms to Egypt

**By WOLF BLITZER**  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

**WASHINGTON.** — The Ford Administration is preparing a new list of military equipment for supply to Egypt, possibly including modern war planes and anti-tank missiles. Administration officials confirmed yesterday.

Although the Administration has not yet made a final decision regarding which arms will be made available for supply to Egypt, the list is being drawn up for presentation to the Congress, which will be asked to "consult fully" with the Administration before the final decision.

The Administration has already notified Israel — but not yet the Congress — that it will be selling Egypt six C-130 transport planes, as reported last week by the *Boston Globe*. President Ford mentioned this fact to Prime Minister Rabin during their talks in Washington, informed diplomatic sources said.

The sources said that the President did not ask Rabin for his opinion of the sale, he just informed the Israeli leader of the Administration decision. Rabin and other Israeli officials were disturbed by this decision, not so much because of the military significance of the transport planes, but rather because of the precedent.

Israeli officials here said yesterday that they had not yet been notified by the Administration of any other military equipment that is being considered for shipment to Egypt.

Administration officials said that the list of military goods for Egypt will be discussed with the Congress during the next month or two. This consultation is the result of Secretary of State Kissinger's assurances to the Congress last year that no military goods would be authorized for sale to Egypt without extensive executive-legislative branch consultations.

According to American officials, Egypt has been anxious to receive a wide range of U.S. hardware, especially the C-130 planes, F-5E fighter planes and Tow anti-tank missiles. The Egyptians have told the Americans on numerous occasions, most recently during President Sadat's tour of the U.S., that they

want to diversify the sources of their army and air force.

Israeli officials said yesterday that Israel will continue to oppose strongly any change in the U.S. position on arms supplies to Egypt. One Israeli source said, "Egypt needs tractors not tanks."

Israel's vocal and powerful supporters on Capitol Hill can also be expected to oppose U.S. arms supplies to Egypt.

But the Administration may not need congressional approval for the sales. Administration officials are talking about beginning the arms programme to Egypt with straight commercial sales, not subject to Congressional restrictions under existing law. Thus, the Administration could skirt around the terms of the Nelson-Bingham amendment to the Foreign Military Sales Act, which gives the Congress 30 days to veto proposed sales worth more than \$25m. But that amendment is not applicable to straight commercial cash sales.

Nevertheless, it would certainly cause an uproar in the Congress, something which President Ford wants to avoid during this election year.

Kissinger has previously assured Israel that the Administration would probably not begin a military supply relationship with Egypt — except for jets and trucks and other minor equipment — this year, but would eventually have no alternative. It now seems that the Administration may want to speed up this process, perhaps in an effort to strengthen Sadat's position in Egypt and the Arab world.

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## Jerusalem mathematicians score breakthroughs in surgery

**By SIMSON CARLBERACH**

A team of Hebrew University mathematicians have achieved what are considered world breakthroughs in heart and eye surgery — through using mathematical models to solve medical problems on paper.

Professor Sam Moskowitz, head of the university's department of applied mathematics, told *The Jerusalem Post* that he set up the team — made up of advanced students

and Soviet immigrants — more than a year ago.

The purpose had been to help solve problems in industry (Prof. Moskowitz had been Manager of Advanced Technology at the Gulf and Western Research Centre near Philadelphia); but when Israeli industry proved uninterested, the team put their modelling techniques at the disposal of Hadassah Medical Centre physicians who are working

on problems in cardiology and ophthalmology.

It is believed that the use of mathematical models — sets of equations which simulate and object and can thus predict how it will act — will put medicine on a sounder, scientific basis.

For example, surgeon Juan Zauberman, head of Hadassah's ophthalmology department, told *The Post* (Continued on page 2, col. 5)

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Golan	68	7-14	8-15
Nahariya	68	6-20	10-18
Safed	67	6-13	7-11
Haifa Port	58	11-21	12-18
Tiberias	57	11-21	12-18
Nazareth	57	11-21	12-18
Afula	42	7-12	8-13
Szohar	44	7-12	8-13
Tel Aviv	42	11-21	12-18
B.G. Airport	39	11-21	12-18
Jericho	36	11-21	12-18
Gaza	36	11-21	12-18
Beersheba	34	11-21	12-18
Elat	34	11-21	12-18
Tiran Straits	32	11-21	12-18

## Social and Personal

British Ambassador Anthony Elliott and Mrs. Elliott gave a reception at their Ramat Gan residence yesterday for actors Hugh Griffith and Donald Pleasence, who are in Israel filming "The Passover Plot."

Minister without Portfolio Gideon Hausner spoke last night in Jerusalem to UJA Miami Women's Division Overseas Programme No. 12 and to Kansas City missions. On Friday evening the UJA missions were addressed by Jewish Agency director-general Moshe Rivlin.

The new French Consul-General in Jerusalem, Pierre Bipard, called Friday on the Jerusalem District Representative, Rafael Levy.

Fr. Stanislas Loffredo, Professor of Archaeology at the Studium Biblicum Franciscanum, Jerusalem, will speak on "Capernaum" at the Rockefeller Museum today, at 3 o'clock. The talk is part of a lecture series in English on "archaeological sites, problems and solutions," sponsored by the W.S. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research and the Nelson Glueck School of Biblical Archaeology.

## ARRIVALS

New Paraguayan Ambassador Juan Lofredo Arrascaeta is scheduled to arrive in Amman this week, strengthen the policy talks between Syria and Jordan. President Hafez Assad is scheduled to come to Amman in mid-February. Ironically, the Syrians claim that they agreed with Amman the restoration of Jordan's role in the West Bank as long as the claim over the West Bank has been sufficiently established. Syrian strategy reportedly from their identification with Amman in believing that Israel's more free in the West Bank, the political vacuum which would follow the Rabin decision.

## DEPARTURES

Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization Executive Chairman Yosef Almozi for a fund-raising mission to the U.S., after which he will take part in the second Brussels Conference on Soviet Jewry.

## 3 die in falls

ASHKELON.—Two men and a child have died in falls. A metalworker employed by the Tapugan plant of the Sha'ar Hanegev district council fell off a roof to his death on Friday.

Amos Laor, 42, of Ashkelon, was working on the roof when he slipped and fell seven metres to the ground.

Laor, a former member of kibbutz Nahal-Oz, was one of the first workers at the Tapugan plant. He leaves a wife and two young daughters.

A Haifa resident, Dov Harman, 22, died in a fall when he went to the window of his apartment to empty an ashtray. He slipped and fell seven floors.

In Elit, a 13-month-old infant fell to her death from a second-floor window. Sharon Almakesh leaned out the window of her home in the Aleph Quarter, while her parents were sitting in the living room.

She was treated at the Yosefot Hospital in Elit, and then flown by air force helicopter to hospital in Beersheba, but she died on the way. (Itim)

## Cyclist dies in hit-run

ASHKELON.—A man from Bnei Ish, near Gedera, died on Thursday night in a hit and run accident on the Karmot-Bitron Road, near Ashdod.

Rahamin Sha'ar, 30, was found near his bicycle by passers-by.

BAR-ILAN University chemist Ya'acov Krakover has received a World Health Organization grant to study the synthesis of long-acting prostaglandin (conception-promoting) agents.

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## Former defence adviser denies arms-list charges; says Israel now a U.S. satellite

Jerusalem Post Staff

Former Defence adviser Yuval Ne'eman said over the weekend that he will "not hesitate" to sue Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin for libel "if reports are borne out that he accuses me of failings in making up the arms-acquisition lists for the U.S."

Reports claiming the Tel Aviv University physicist—who recently resigned as adviser to the Defence Minister—had inflated the lists were published in Israel on Thursday, and described as coming from "sources close to Rabin." Commenting, Prof. Ne'eman told "Yediot Aharanot" in an interview printed on Friday, that every item on the lists was approved by the Prime Minister. He added:

"The whole affair looks very peculiar to me. If Yitzhak Rabin really said these things he must

either be looking for a substitute for what he couldn't obtain in the U.S., or thinks it easier to tangle with me than with Shimon Peres." As to the claim that he had included items which were not yet in use even with the U.S. forces, Prof. Ne'eman said he was amazed that the Prime Minister, himself a former Chief of Staff, preferred the weapons of the past to those of the future.

He stressed that the Yom Kippur War had shown Israel to be behind the Arabs in introducing up-to-date arms.

Prof. Ne'eman said Israel could have obtained additional sophisticated items from the U.S. "if there had been a stronger Israel stand on this point and if it had been

presented by people with stronger nerves." He added: "I'm sorry Yitzhak Rabin sees everything in terms of the negotiations that are apparently bothering him in the U.S., instead of thinking of the battlefield on which IDF forces may, unfortunately have to face the enemy." He added that he would not attempt to see the Prime Minister when he returned. (Mr. Rabin returned that day).

In a weekend article in "Ha'aretz," Prof. Ne'eman described Israel's contacts with the U.S. as those of a satellite. Explaining that he had resigned because of "Israel subservience to the U.S." and the partial settlement with Egypt, he said: "We have lost even the shadow of being

an independent, self-respecting state having its own national interests." Prof. Ne'eman said that on the eve of U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's last visit, Mr. Rabin had read out to the Cabinet the draft of the agreement with the U.S.—to great enthusiasm. But—he continued—no one had bothered to enlighten the public since then that the agreement as finally signed "is not worth the paper it's written on."

He described the whole bargaining operation as an application of "Oriental cunning" on the part of Kissinger.

Prof. Ne'eman said the Arabs now thought they could overcome Israel, not in one grand attack, but through a series of blows. But every time Israel attempted to act in its own

interests, it could expect castigation from Ford or Kissinger.

Right now, he said, the Israeli public was being brainwashed into thinking that a Palestinian Arab state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip would be "good for Israel."

But if the Arabs got the West Bank, Israel would be unable to withstand an Arab attack "unless, perhaps we gave up 50,000-100,000 in dead. Maybe we could then organize a Massada-style last stand on Mount Carmel, if we were fast enough," he said.

Expressing his support for Jewish settlement in Judea and Samaria, he said the present Government was unable to stand up to the combined pressures of the U.S. and of the Israeli "doves." He called for a new programme and a new, solid government, "to get Israel moving again and out of the Valley of the Shadow of Death."

## Ben-Nathan: We need the weapons we asked for

By SHAYTA SHAPIRO

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV.—Asher Ben-Nathan, the Defence Minister's political adviser, said on Friday Israel's defence forces had no reason to be ashamed of its arms requests to the U.S. The nation needs the weapons to face the fast-arming Arab armaments.

Mr. Ben-Nathan spoke at the engineers' club, replacing Defence Minister Shimon Peres, who was unable to attend.

Ben-Nathan said, "We may have still achieved the ratio of one to three in number of tanks and aircraft, but the ratio is very much higher in the Arabs' favour in other weapons, such as missiles."

He said he was worried by the fact that "Israelis, who had visited the U.S., were trying to outdo each other in justifying the American stand."

Over two years after the Yom Kippur War "we are still asked to apologise humbly for depleting the American arsenal."

The war revealed the West's lagging ability to keep pace with Soviet arms production, he said.

Today, the Arabs spend \$6,000m. for arms, of which only \$1,000m. worth come from the West.

"It is the duty of the Israel Defence Forces to forecast what their enemies are likely to put up in a future conflict," he said.

## Dayan: Peace chances better than ever

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
HAIFA.—Knesset Member Moshe Dayan said on Friday the chances for peace with the Arabs were now better than ever before. He advocated retaining the status quo, except for an effort to improve co-existence with the Arabs in the administered areas.

He felt "no serious body" in the world was now advocating the establishment of a separate Palestinian state; that the U.S. was not pressing for Israeli concessions; that Egypt was unlikely to be planning a war while resettling the Suez area and widening the Canal, and that even the Soviet call for a Palestinian state was only a tactical move.

Speaking before a record audience at the Maritime and Economics Club in the Zion Hotel, Dayan said that the threats "from Washington and from some of our own people,"—that if we would not reach agreement with King Hussein through territorial concessions we would face the graver prospect of dealing with the PLO—have been disproved. In practice, he said "King

Hussein is cooperating with Israel policy, though we have not given him Jericho, the Jordan Valley or anything else."

Dayan said Hussein has very nicely asked the new West Bank leaders to return to his Parliament—"in other words, carrying out Israel policy of our presence in the West Bank, with our army, our settlements and our government expression to the Arab residents in the Amman Parliament." Though this may be a formula that can't last, "it is what is actually happening," he declared.

Dayan said President Ford had given up his "determination not to permit a deadlock and assure progress towards peace." He said the Americans had now assumed a passive role—and were ready to settle for avoiding deterioration. As a result of their unwillingness to fight for us, he said the U.S. was not pressing us to give up areas we considered vital for our own defence. All they wanted was to avoid a collision with the Soviets and another oil embargo, Dayan concluded.

## Vatican says 'no' to Tripoli anti-Zionism

VATICAN CITY.—The Vatican yesterday dissociated itself from anti-Zionist remarks in the final communiqué of an Islamic-Christian conference in Tripoli and said it has no plans to establish diplomatic links with Libya.

The two developments were the latest snags to emerge from the conference for delegations of the two religions in which Libyan leader Mu'ammer Gaddafi made a bitter attack against non-Muslims.

Cardinal Sergio Pignedoli, the Vatican chief delegate, said on his return here that he dissociated himself from two paragraphs added to the final communiqué at the last moment. One of them condemned Zionism and the other advocated Arab rule over Jerusalem rather than internationalization, which the Vatican wants.

"Since these points, which also included political elements, concern Palestine, Palestinians and so-called

Zionism, I, of course, dissociated myself—not only as a Vatican delegate, but as a Christian—from the position of our Moslem brothers," Pignedoli said.

The two disputed points of the declaration said:

- On Zionism: "The two delegations... distinguish between Judaism and Zionism, inasmuch as Zionism is a racist, enemy movement, alien to Palestine and the entire Middle East."

- On Palestine: "Commitment to law and justice and peace, to faith and self-determination means for the two delegations a confirmation of the national rights of the Palestinian People and their right to return to their land, a confirmation of the Arab nature of Jerusalem and rejection of plans to Judaize, divide and internationalize it."

The declaration also demanded the "liberation of all occupied lands."

## Haifa protection racketeer convicted

HAIFA.—Salah Muhammad Sirhan, 20, one of the two suspects in the Haifa market "protection" case, was last week convicted in the District Court of illegal possession of a gun, ammunition and hand grenades. Sirhan admitted the charges.

The second suspect, Yusef Gabai, who is also charged with throwing a grenade into a butcher shop in the Talpiot Market, denied all the charges against him.

The December bombing of the shop, resulting in close to a million pounds damage, was the most serious in a recent spate of violent acts connected with the protection racket in the marketplace. (Itim)

## Fisherman's body found

ASHDOD.—The body of fisherman Baruch Yosef, who drowned 10 days ago, was found by a soldier after it washed up on the Palmachim beach on Friday.

Yosef drowned when he went out fishing with a friend north of the Ashdod Port. He is survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters.

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His wife, Sarah Elefant  
His son, Moshe Avraham Elefant and family, Ramat Gan  
His son, Shlomo Elefant and family, U.S.A.  
His daughter, Tova Salomon and family, U.S.A.  
His daughter, Baba Reiskin and family, Tel Aviv

## Hypnosis used in deposit-box investigation

Jerusalem Post Reporter

RAMAT GAN.—The police using hypnosis on a witness to the Barclay's Discount Bank robbery, have created an "identikit" description of one of the suspected thieves in the robbery two weeks ago.

According to police sources, the witness was unsure of whom and what he had seen. He agreed to hypnosis, and while in a hypnotic state he provided the police with sufficient details of the face of one of the thieves. The face of the suspect is unknown to the police.

The witness may be a resident of one of the buildings near the bank on Rehov Jabotinsky, but police refused to confirm this. A police official said that if the name of the witness was revealed, he would probably end up "on a slab in the morgue."

Police have been puzzled because residents living near the bank claim that they neither saw nor heard anything on the weekend the robbery took place. About 200 safe deposit boxes were broken into and money estimated at several millions of pounds stolen.

## Attempt to avoid rift

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is expected to be asked to restore confidence in the party's leadership by consulting more with his colleagues in the Government and by reviving the regular functioning of the party's key policy-making forums—the party's Leadership Bureau and the Secretariat.

Criticism of the present state of affairs within the Labour Party was voiced on Thursday night at a meeting of the "Leahuv" (integration) circle of the party's younger leadership with Mr. Peres, in which the Defence Minister took issue with what he termed as the present "presidential regime" in which there was hardly any proper functioning of the leading "team."

There were unconfirmed reports last night that efforts are under way to persuade the Likud opposition faction to agree to postpone their no-confidence motion which is due to be heard tomorrow.

## Yundeff boys fly with mother to Germany

Jerusalem Post Staff

BEN-GURION AIRPORT.—Accompanied by three policemen, Sarah Yundeff and her two sons, Menahem and Dov, took off Friday on the pre-dawn El Al flight for Frankfurt, ending the three-year struggle to prevent the boys' return to Germany.

Mrs. Yundeff and the boys were brought to the airport by a small police detachment in a van, which stopped next to the ramp steps, while newsmen were kept at a distance. They boarded quickly, joining six other passengers on the Boeing 707.

A report from Frankfurt said the plane landed there at 11 a.m. Israeli time, and the Yundeff party was greeted by six officials. The boys and their mother were then flown to West Berlin, where they joined the father, Yosef Yundeff. The two policemen and one policewoman who accompanied the party will return to Israel tomorrow.

The furor created by the court fights over the past month and the thwarting of police efforts to return the boys to their father—in terms of orders of both German and Israeli courts—has not died down yet. Among the issues which

remain to be resolved is the question of the refusal by the airline pilots—first one from Lufthansa, then one from El Al—to take off with the boys aboard. In both cases the boys did not want to make the trip, and created a disturbance. (They did not raise objections on Friday.)

A bill tabled in the Knesset to permit Israel's court to make decisions contrary to those made by a foreign court—in cases where one of the parents is Israeli and the other a foreign national—is still pending. It was tabled as a result of the Yundeff case.

Justice Minister Haim Zadok said on Friday that the State Attorney was looking into the various actions taken in connection with the case, and would "prosecute anyone found to have violated the law. The case clearly involved attempts to foil a court decision, he added. These included disorders created on a Lufthansa airliner, threats against a judge and against a pilot, and the refusal by police to fly the boys.

But Zadok also expressed the hope that the Yundeffs, the entire family, would return to Israel in a legal and organized way, without any legal entanglements involved.

## J'lem mathematicians

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that the mathematical tables on detached retinas which the team had provided him with had enabled him to correct estimates which until now he had done by trial and error.

Prof. Moskowitz said he had recently supervised the construction of two models that solve previously thorny problems in eye surgery. These—completed as masters theses by students in applied mathematics—produced new kinds of tables of vital help to the surgeon in correcting astigmatism and detached retinas.

Mathematics has been solving key problems in many sciences—but not usually in medicine, which has traditionally defined the body in terms of physiological (mainly chemical) processes rather than as a system containing mathematically-defined forces. In medicine, the role of mathematics has been largely restricted to measurement.

But "wherever the forces operating within a given physical object—such as parts of the human body—can be simulated in mathematical terms," Professor Moskowitz says, "the corresponding model can be constructed which would determine and predict all that's going on within it."

Included in his team's current projects are two cardiological models. One of these, he says, "would enable a surgeon involved in open heart operations to determine the extent of a dysfunction in the left ventricle of the heart."

The other "examines the interaction between the shape of artificial-heart valves and the forming of blood clots which eventually cause the valve to break down. This should lead us to a new and superior design for constructing artificial heart valves."

The other completed ophthalmological model—on the relationship between tissue-overgrowth and astigmatism—provides the surgeon with new grounds on which to determine whether an operation to remove the tissue is warranted. It

## Kinneret sardines get week's grace

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA.—The sardine fishermen on Lake Kinneret are taking a week off to give the fish a chance to grow a centimetre bigger. The secretary of the Fishermen's Union, Dov Schmiedel, told The Post on Friday that although the present fishing season on the lake is a very good one, about 20 per cent of the sardines netted have been just under the 12-cm. minimum length required by the canning industry.

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## Reuven Tamir cleared of bribery charge

The former deputy director of East Jerusalem Development Company, Reuven Tamir, was acquitted of bribery charges by the District Court on Friday. The court ruled a conviction which had been a fine \$12,000.

The President of the Supreme Court, Dr. Shimon Agranat, and A. M. Mann and M. Belaya said that the testimony aroused suspicions that Tamir's behaviour indicated the proper operation of the law, but did not provide sufficient evidence to convict him.

The case concerned the sale of land in the Yemin Moshe quarter to an American named Shmuel Segal in 1970. Segal was at first told the plot of land he wanted to buy. When he returned later with a named Oded Yalir, who tampered him as a "serious man," Tamir offered him another plot. Segal bought it. Segal later told Tamir and Tamir's lawyer to visit the United States and Canada. The company approved Tamir's trip to see similar development projects in America, but not know the ticket had been bought by Segal.

The Jerusalem District Court ruled that the plans ticket was a bribe, which "persuaded" Tamir sell Segal a desirable plot of land.

## Jordan House dispersed

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moud el-Ayyoubi is scheduled to arrive in Amman this week, strengthen the policy talks between Syria and Jordan. President Hafez Assad is scheduled to come to Amman in mid-February.

Ironically, the Syrians claim that they agreed with Amman the restoration of Jordan's role in the West Bank as long as the claim over the West Bank has been sufficiently established. Syrian strategy reportedly from their identification with Amman in believing that Israel's more free in the West Bank, the political vacuum which would follow the Rabin decision.

The chief of the PLO's "military department," Yusef Mohsen, heads the pro-Syrian "Arab" sabotage movement, last night significantly voiced his approval of Jordan's brief recall of expatriate Syrian representatives. West Bank, Mohsen revealed he had advance knowledge about the reconvening of the Jordanian Parliament over the weekend.

Mohsen fashed out at his colleagues for denouncing the Jordanian move, then questioned whether they had any alternative to the continued constitutional link between the East and West Bank. He said that he was not out in defence of "His Highness Hussein" but was stressing that the Jordanian march was adhering to the summit decision.

YORAM GORSKY, a Ph.D. candidate in the Immunology Department of the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Centre in Jerusalem, is this year's recipient of the hum Philosoph Award for his work in developing early-detection for breast cancer. Gorsky is seventh winner of the prize, in memory of former Hadassah laundry-manager Nahum Pines.

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# Police hurt, vehicles burnt as couples protest over flats

**ROSH HA'AYIN.** — Hundreds of residents of Rosh Ha'ayin took part in a violent demonstration against housing rights on Friday, and several police vehicles were burnt. About 180 local young couples have been demanding housing under the same conditions as apply to other settlements and development towns. Young couples began demonstrating on Friday morning, barricading the town's main road and the railroad tracks. They were soon joined by many young people, and later by older residents. Police arrived at the scene as vehicles began to pile up at the roadblock — the road is used by travellers to Kalkilya and the Merz district — and tried to persuade the demonstrators to disperse. A train was scheduled to pass at any moment, and the police feared it would run into the barricade placed on the tracks.

The young couples, however, refused to move — even when Local Council chairman Yosef Melamed appealed to them. They demanded a meeting with the Minister of Housing and the Minister of Industry, and of whom are members of the Ministerial Committee on Development Towns.

The train arrived as senior police officers were negotiating with the town's leaders. The engineers, however, saw the crowd and the destruction from a distance, and managed to stop the train in time.

After waiting for a while in vain for the track to be cleared, he reversed the train.

The police were then ordered to disperse the crowd by force. A call went out for reinforcements, including the Border Police. The 40 policemen on hand, equipped with helmets, shields and clubs, moved in on the demonstrators. But the latter fought back, stinging the policemen and injuring seven of them. They also advanced on some of the police cars, set three of them on fire along with other police equipment, and damaged several others. None of the demonstrators appeared to be hurt.

However, when reinforcements arrived, the crowd began to disperse by itself. The police decided not to arrest anyone — apart from two persons arrested in morning for inciting to riot — and Mayor Melamed, meeting with the police district commanders, promised to try during the Sabbath to calm everyone down.

Later that afternoon the director of the Housing Ministry's central region, Shmuel Abeck, called a press conference to say the Ministry could not accede to the demands of the young couples. A town, 15 kilometres from Tel Aviv, could not get the same terms for housing as Kiryat Shmona, he said.

Flat prices in Rosh Ha'ayin, Abeck pointed out, were similar to those in the development towns, although in the latter buyers were given a somewhat larger subsidy

(in the form of a standing loan). But young couples in Rosh Ha'ayin did get a better deal than their neighbours in Petah Tikva, Ramat Gan, and other towns in the area. Most of them received mortgage loans of IL70,000, and some got IL80,000, on flats costing IL123,000. Those who served in the Yom Kippur War were given an additional IL4,000 loan, and if they were members of the Hahadut they received another IL3,000.

Mr. Abeck said that the most the couples had to put up for a house, by the time they moved in, was IL30,000. Moreover, the monthly repayment on all these loans adds up to no more than IL500.

"These people, he added, were not welfare cases. "Most of them work at well-paying jobs and it is hard to believe they cannot pay the amounts involved." However, for those who had no money, the Housing Ministry offered "used flats almost free."

Abeck's press conference was followed by a two-hour telephone debate between him and Mayor Melamed, during which mutual accusations and charges were exchanged. Abeck accused Melamed of "rolling a snowball" which he now could not stop.

Melamed said the couples were prepared to pay IL20,000 for entry into a flat. The two agreed to bring the issue for decision to the Ministry's director-general at a meeting scheduled for today. (JTA)



Minister for Religious Affairs Yitzhak Raphael, second from left, and the head of the Ashdod port workers, Yehoshua Peretz, raise a Torah scroll which was dedicated at the Ashdod Port synagogue last week. (Nachum Gutman)

## Zorea calls Kafr Kassem story deliberate falsehood

# Lands chief denies 'confiscation'

**By MOSHE ATER**  
Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

**TEL AVIV.** — The head of the Israel Lands Authority, Meir Zorea, on Thursday "described as 'deliberate calumny' allegations that the Administration is confiscating lands in the Israel Arab village of Kafr Kassem.

Mr. Zorea told a press conference here that what was going on in the coastal plain village was a settlement of land claims — a normal legal procedure which was also being carried out in such places as Rosh Pina, Safad and Tiberias, and in which the decision did not rest with the Authority.

He said he had called the press conference because he had despaired of seeing the proper Government authorities take action against the false reports, which "are being spread in large part by Jews, including government employees."

The legal proceedings in the village involved determining the title to lands which had not been properly registered. He added that there were still about five million dunam in Israel in this category. Hearings were carried out before a judge, and in stating its claims to ownership the State was just like any other claimant before the court.

One thing the hearings had brought out, said Mr. Zorea, was that part of the land in Kafr Kassem was in fact State land, going back through Mandatory and Turkish times. These plots had been illegally taken over by various persons, either through greed "or because they had been instigated to do so."

Turning to the general matter of land expropriation, Mr. Zorea said Israel followed general Western European legal practice in expropriation for the public interest, and in all cases paid fair compensation. He said several expropriation schemes were being carried out around Jerusalem and in Galilee. The latter involved over 20,000 dunam, 8,000 of which were State lands; furthermore, half of the private land being taken over there belonged to Jews.

Questioned about the expropriation of Beduin land at Yamit, Mr. Zorea said fair compensation was paid there too — even though the rights involved were dubious and had been set up only recently — because the Lands Authority had been ordered to be particularly tolerant.

He estimated that about IL50m. would be spent next year — in cash and kind — for acquisition of land in several parts of the country. This included acquisitions across the

Green Line. Aggregate holdings of the Authority in the administered areas now amounted to about 50,000 dunam, most — though not all — of it around Jerusalem.

The Israel Lands Authority was now vastly different from the body criticised by State Comptroller a few years ago, Mr. Zorea said. It had set up a recording department, which was now completing an inventory of all land owned by the State, broken down from several angles. A planning and programming department was working on a number of development projects, some of which had won high accolades, for example, one concerning Tel Aviv's Manahel quarter. A plan for developing Galilee would be completed shortly.

Measures had been taken against such abuse of Authority agricultural leases as sale of the land to urban developers. In particular, laying waste of a fruit orchard was now treated as breach of contract, and the lessee could lose his title.

In a recent court case in Netanya, he said, a precedent had been established when agricultural land sold to a building contractor was required to be used only in accordance with the original (agricultural) lease terms. The Authority intends to make extensive use of this legal precedent, he said.

## Lufthansa office bombed 'over Klarsfeld arrest'

**By JACK MAURICE**  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

**PARIS.** — French Jewish organizations yesterday disowned the bombing of the Paris offices of the West German airline Lufthansa by a committee seeking the release of Serge Klarsfeld, the Nazi hunter currently detained in Bonn in connection with the attempt to kidnap war criminal Kurt Dorsch in 1971.

Jean Pierre-Bloch, president of the International League against Racism and Anti-Semitism, said: "This is a cowardly act of provocation which is intended to damage our cause."

Windows and furniture at the Lufthansa offices in Rue Royale were smashed but firemen quickly put out a fire in the building.

An anonymous caller, claiming to represent the "Committee for the Liberation of Serge Klarsfeld," phoned the police to say the attack was "to show that German magistrates

and Nazi criminals are conspiring together. Germany has not changed. War criminals enjoy complete freedom while men like Serge Klarsfeld rot in German jails."

Klarsfeld was arrested on Tuesday in Frankfurt when he called at the office of the state prosecutor to present evidence against Fritz Merdache, wartime head of the Gestapo in Orleans, who is now living quietly in retirement after serving as a judge.

The young French lawyer was immediately held on a warrant issued in 1971 after he and his German-born wife Beate tried in Cologne to kidnap Lishka, the former Paris Gestapo chief.

Jean Rebillon, a French police officer, who accompanied Klarsfeld to Frankfurt, said he plans to head a delegation of war victims from the Orleans area to West Germany this week to demand Klarsfeld's release.

## German hunt for war criminals

**By BRIAN ARTHUR**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

**BONN.** — Justice officials in Cologne are sifting through French court records in order to track down Nazi war criminals still free in West Germany.

The German officials were in France last week, reviewing about 100 such cases, it was reliably learnt here yesterday.

French courts are said to have handed down at least 400 convictions in absentia after World War II for Nazi killings. About 80 of the accused are believed to be still alive today.

In another 250 cases the exact reasons for conviction have not yet been determined by the German investigators, but it is believed many involved murder.

## Biggest laundry in North in liquidation

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

**HAIFA.** — District Court president Dr. Avraham Schaal issued a liquidation order last week against the Judith Laundry Ltd., which was the largest in the north. It went out of business last June, owing its 30 workers about IL250,000 in wages, vacation pay and discharge compensation.

The order was requested by Labour Council attorney Israel Gil on behalf of the workers.

The National Insurance Institute and the Mivtahim Insurance Fund have submitted claims of IL100,000 and IL20,000 respectively.

Under a new law the Insurance Institute will pay up to IL18,600 to each worker whose employer went bankrupt owing him money.

## UN clash on Angola

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Council was discussing the Comoros. Moynihan replied that Malik was the one who had brought up Angola, and continued: "I will say in the most solemn terms, sir, that we have gone under your direction and at your initiative from discussing the Comoros Archipelago to evoking the Gulag Archipelago. We have gone back to the language of intimidation, the language of threat."

Meanwhile, South Africa complained on Friday that the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, was giving no help to Angolan civil-war refugees under its care even though his help had been asked over two weeks ago.

In repeating the request, South African Foreign Minister H. Muller brought out that his government was maintaining four refugee camps beside Angola — as he put it, "near the border with South-West Africa," a territory in dispute between South Africa and the United Nations.

"Over 11,000 displaced persons are now being protected and cared for by the South African authorities," he wrote to UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, "while at least another 1,000 are reported to be heading for these camps. It may be expected that these numbers will rapidly grow."

In Pretoria, yesterday the government announced two South African soldiers have been killed in a rocket attack on a military post from the Angolan side of the South-West African border. As in similar reports in the past, the precise location of the attack wasn't given.

The statement said, "retaliatory action was immediately launched and is proceeding."

The latest deaths bring to 31 the number of South African servicemen reported killed in action since July last year.

A Pretoria official also announced his government has no knowledge of any involvement by Czechoslovak troops in the Angolan war.

The spokesman was commenting on a claim by U.S. Senator Dewey Barlett that Czechoslovak troops were fighting alongside the Soviet and Cuban-backed Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) in Angola. (AP, Reuters)

## UN may face Zion Square

**NEW YORK.** — A public hearing yesterday by a City Council committee to rename a street across from the United Nations as Zion Square drew nearly 20 persons speaking in favour and only two against. The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee, which deals with street name changes, will act on the proposal later but approval by the full Municipal Council is expected since Council President Paul O'Dwyer and 40 of its 43 members have endorsed it.

Councillor Henry Stern, who introduced the measure last November after the UN General Assembly adopted the resolution equating Zionism with racism, last week moved that Zion Square be located on the West side of First Avenue between 42nd and 43rd streets, in front of the UN's Isaiah Wall. (JTA)

## Sentence reduced

**BEERSHEBA.** — The National Labour Court in Jerusalem last week reduced to a suspended term the unprecedented sentence of imprisonment handed down by the local labour court two weeks ago.

Leon Berger and his son Moshe, owners of the Nahshon bakery, were convicted of illegally employing minors in their bakery. Their 14-day prison term represented the first time an Israel labour court had sent anyone to jail.

Judge Zvi Bar-Niv of the higher court ruled that the sentence was too severe. He also reduced the IL18,000 fine to IL12,000. (JTA)

## Ben-Gal now No. 2 at General Staff Branch

**Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent**

**Tat-Aluf (Brig-Gen.) Arvidor Ben-Gal** was on Friday appointed Assistant Head of the General Staff Branch, the IDF Spokesman reported. He replaces Tat-Aluf Mordechai Zepori, who is going on study leave.

Further changes in the top IDF ranks are expected in the near future, with one member of the General Staff due to retire and two others to exchange posts.

Ben-Gal, 39, is known by his nickname "Yanosh." He was promoted to Tat-Aluf and appointed commander of a division in February 1974. In the Yom Kippur War he commanded the 7th armoured brigade, which played a vital role in blocking the Syrian attack on the Golan Heights. Born in Poland in 1936, he came to Israel with the "Hebrew Children" group during the Second World War. He has been in the armour for 17 of his 20-year army career.

Zepori has filled the post since September 1974. He has been in the IDF since its inception in 1948 and he posts he has held include deputy commander of the Armoured Corps, commander of the Staff and Command College, and commander of the Armoured brigade in the Six Day War and held a senior post in the Armoured Corps during the Yom Kippur War.

Born in Tel Aviv in 1924, he was educated at a religious school and joined the Irgun Zvai Leumi in 1939. The British mandatory authorities imprisoned him in Latrun and exiled him to Eritrea and Kenya.



Tat-Aluf Ben-Gal



Tat-Aluf Zepori

## Peled custody extended

**TEL AVIV.** — David Peled, the Director of the Customs Department, who is being held on suspicion of illegal foreign currency transactions, taking bribes and influencing another person to take bribes, was remanded into a further seven days' custody by a magistrate here on Friday.

Peled was arrested on January 24, with Michael Robinson, the banker, who was suspected of giving the bribes. Robinson has been released on bail.

Defence attorney Shlomo Tussia-Cohen complained before Judge Haim Abitov that he had not been allowed to see documents involved in the case. The police spokesmen in court, Mefake'ah Mishne and Makov, replied that the trial was secret.

When Tussia-Cohen scored the vision appearance of the chief investigator in the case, the late Mishne Benjamin Siegel, two

days after Peled was arrested, Makovsky said he himself was "so busy with the investigation" that he hadn't seen the broadcast. Reminded by the defence that Siegel had said anyone who testified against Peled would not be prosecuted, Makovsky said he did not remember the text.

The judge said that the suspect had a right to know exactly what he was suspected of, but that until he was formally charged, the police should be permitted to withhold names of material witnesses.

**THE BATSHEVA** dance company will make its first appearance in an Israel Philharmonic subscription concert in Tel Aviv on February 12 — in a programme made up of "The Mythical Hunters" (with choreography by Glen Tetly and music by Oded Pardo) and "Trek" (with choreography by Norman Morris and music by Poulenc's organ concerto).

## Scientist will leave Russia 'to find roots'

**NEW YORK.** — Aleksander and Lyudmila Lunts who have been granted visas to leave the Soviet Union for Israel "are making this journey in contrasting moods," correspondent David Shipper reported from Moscow in the "New York Times" on Friday.

"He is a Jew, she is an ethnic Russian. The two facts are central to their definitions of themselves, pivotal in determining where they look to find their roots."

Shipper wrote that the long-brought visa "set in motion great contradictory currents of relief and sorrow, ecstasy and pain."

Lunts, a noted mathematician who has waited for a visa more than three years, spoke of his decision to leave Russia in these words: "If I were not a Jew I don't think I would leave the country. The bad features of this social system for me would not be enough to make me leave." Lunts said that at times he "forgot" his Jewishness, but he was reminded of it by anti-Semitic remarks. "When I saw that intellectuals were also anti-Semitic I felt it very strongly. I want to go to Israel. I feel my country is there not here."

Mrs. Lunts, a geologist, agreed to follow her husband out of love and devotion. Although she saw the dark side of the Soviet system during the years they have been waiting for a visa, she says: "I like my land very much. I do not want to think that I cannot see this place again. I like this place very much."

Lunts is leaving behind him in Russia a married daughter by his first marriage and his 84-year-old father. "I know that I have no chance of meeting them again," Lunts told the correspondent. His 18-year-old son is going with him to Israel. (JTA)

## Soviets step up attacks on Brussels event

**MOSCOW.** — The Soviet Union has stepped up its campaign against critics who charge that Russian Jews are being mistreated.

Tass news agency said that fewer Soviet Jews were going to Israel, and that "hard times have fallen on those who try to entice people" from the Soviet Union.

In a separate dispatch, the agency quoted from letters said to have been written by Soviet Jews in protest against the world conference on Soviet Jewry scheduled to be held in Brussels from February 17 to 19. "We Soviet Jews do not need any protection of our rights on the part of international Zionist circles," a Moscow foundry worker is quoted as writing.

The Tass dispatches followed by one day a government news conference in Moscow at which seven returned Jewish emigrants told Soviet and foreign journalists how unhappy they had been in the West and how glad they were to be back in the Soviet Union again. (UPI)

## Why people emigrate

**TEL AVIV.** — About one out of every 170 Israeli emigrated during 1974-75 — higher than the average for previous years or for the current fiscal year, according to a survey done for the Ministry of Education and Culture and described yesterday on the radio's "Weekly Journal."

Of some 20,000 persons who left the country during the period surveyed, about one tenth were non-Jews. About a third of them were born on kibbutzim, about half were originally from Europe and Asia, and six per cent from Africa. About a fifth were between the ages of 25 and 29.

The survey revealed that the problem of emigration was one of spirit, not standard of living, Minister Aharon Yadin said on the radio.

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## THE WORLD IN BRIEF

## Ex-Rhodesian premier in London

LONDON. — Former Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith flew into London yesterday for three weeks of freedom after being restricted to his Rhodesian home for the last four years by the country's white minority regime.

He was permitted to visit Britain for "family reasons." But he told newsmen he will return to Rhodesia after his three-week parole ends.

Prime Minister Ian Smith's regime warned him he faced a possible fine or a year's imprisonment if he made any statements or gave interviews while in Britain.

Smith on Friday warned Rhodesians in Salisbury that the campaign by black nationalist guerrillas had worsened and said more troops will be mobilized. He linked the guerrilla fighting to Soviet "aggression" in Angola. (AP)

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## No accord on Italian Cabinet

ROME. — Leaders of Italy's dominant Christian Democrat Party differed sharply on Friday over how to resolve the country's month-long political crisis.

The party leadership met to decide whether to recommend that Prime Minister-designate Aldo Moro form a stopgap, minority Christian Democrat cabinet. But participants said after the meeting broke up for lunch on Friday that there was considerable "perplexity" among delegates. Moro's chances of success were then rated at 50-50.

The left wing of the party favours the formation of a minority cabinet, arguing that it would be irresponsible to leave the country without a government. The right wing, including former party secretary Amintore Fanfani, believes that the Christian Democrats have more to lose than to gain by governing on their own in the midst of one of Italy's worst postwar economic crises. (Reuters)

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## French veto over Comoros

UNITED NATIONS. — France on Friday night vetoed a resolution in the UN Security Council that would have asked her to call off a self-determination referendum set for today on Mayotte in the Comoro Islands.

The vote was 11-1 with three abstentions. The U.S., Britain and Italy abstained.

French Ambassador Louis de Guiringaud's veto was his country's seventh. Explaining it, he said, "It was not possible to let an international judgement go through pronouncing on the difficulties we are faced with."

The French Parliament ordered today's new poll on Mayotte because while the four Comoro Islands altogether voted overwhelmingly for independence from France in a referendum in December 1974, voting on Mayotte ran two-thirds against it. The question today will be whether to remain in the French Republic or take independence in the Comorian State with Anjouan, Grande-Comore and Moheli. (AP)

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## Ford hits campaign trail

WASHINGTON. — Cheered by signs of an improving economy, President Ford flew to New Hampshire yesterday for his first direct test of strength with former California Gov. Ronald Reagan, his challenger for the Republican presidential nomination.

Ford was to spend the weekend in the New England state, where the country's first presidential primary election takes place on February 24 and where Reagan has been campaigning intensely for several weeks.

News that unemployment fell sharply in January was a timely development that could strengthen the President's argument that his policies were leading the country out of recession and that there was no need for a change in the White House.

Opinion polls show Reagan running a close race with the President in New Hampshire. (Reuters)

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## 'Yugoslav consul slain by Ustashi'

FRANKFURT, West Germany. — Frankfurt-based Yugoslav Consul Edvin Zidov, 45, was shot dead at his suburban residence early yesterday by an unknown gunman, police said. A spokesman said police found Zidov lying dead on the ground outside the garage with at least five bullet wounds in his body.

A spokesman said police were called by neighbours who reported they heard shots and cries for help from the row of semi-detached houses which includes Zidov's residence.

In Belgrade, Yugoslav officials said the right-wing Ustashi organization probably was behind the killing. The Ustashi movement of extreme Croatian Nationalists collaborated with the Nazis and ran Croatia as a puppet state during World War II. After the war they fled to Western countries from where they continued anti-Yugoslav activities, including bombings of Yugoslav missions and killings of Yugoslav officials abroad. The Ustashi's aim is the secession from the Yugoslav Federation of Croatia, now one of Yugoslavia's six constituent republics. (AP, UPI)

## FRENCH BOY RELEASED

## Somali move to defuse border row

MOGADISHU, Somalia. — African nationalist guerrillas yesterday released unharmed a 7-year-old French hostage after, according to a Somali spokesman, the Somali Government had intervened to ensure the boy's release and thus ease rapidly mounting tensions in this East African area.

The boy, Frank Rutkowski, whose detention prompted France to send warships and major troops reinforcements into the area — was handed over to the French Ambassador by the Somali Foreign Secretary in the presence of the entire diplomatic corps.

In Paris, informed French sources said yesterday that Somali troops apparently fired the shots on Wednesday which killed and wounded French schoolchildren in a bus hijacked by the Liberation Front for the French Somaliland. One girl died instantly and another girl, one of the five other children wounded, died in a Paris hospital yesterday.

French Ambassador Jean Guery said in a telephone interview from Mogadishu, after the boy was released to him, that the boy was apparently in good health. He also said that relations with Somalia were still "very tense."

French and Somali border troops were still on alert yesterday with Soviet-made Somali tanks and French AMX tanks "face-to-face" along the frontier, a French military spokesman said. The Somali Government charged on Friday that 20,000 French troops were massed at the border and that 14 American and French ships were concentrated off the Somali coast.

Somalia's Ambassador to Kenya, Hussein Haji Ali, charged yesterday that Ethiopia is plotting with the U.S. and France to attack his country. He told reporters in Nairobi that the crisis created by last week's shootout between French and Somali troops at the Somalia-Djibouti border "is serious and tense and Somalia now faces an imminent attack by France and the U.S. in collusion with Ethiopia."

All rejected a claim made on Friday by Ethiopia's Ambassador to Kenya, Mengiste Desta, that Somalia had "expansionist designs" and was preparing to invade parts of Kenya and Ethiopia. Ali said Somalia made no territorial claim to Djibouti "and supports unconditional and total independence for French Somaliland," as the French territory formerly was called. (Reuters, UPI, AP)

## Who's she?

NEW DELHI. — Two-thirds of India's villagers did not know who the Prime Minister was. Only 29.3 percent of those interviewed correctly identified Mrs. Indira Gandhi as Prime Minister, while some 39 percent knew their local member of parliament. Only 9.5 had heard of President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed. (Reuters)

## Cairo reports oil find near Canal

CAIRO. — Two independent U.S. oil companies and their Italian partner have had an "encouraging show" drilling near the Suez Canal, industry sources said yesterday. "It hasn't been tested yet and until it is we can't tell," the sources said of the discovery made earlier last week 24 kms. west of the Canal near Ismailia. (AP)



Villagers in San Pedro de Zacatepec rush to aid a man injured in tremors which hit the already badly damaged town on Friday. (AP radiophoto)



The destroyed Agua Caliente bridge near Guatemala City shows the effects of Wednesday's earthquake. Landslides and felled bridges are hampering rescue efforts to the stricken countryside. (AP radiophoto)

## GUATEMALA SURVIVORS EAT RATS

## Death toll may exceed 14,000

GUATEMALA CITY. — A series of tremors and underground rumblings shook parts of Guatemala over the weekend, knocking mortar from buildings damaged by last Wednesday's earthquake, police said yesterday.

The overnight tremors followed a second quake on Friday. Government and relief officials were unable to estimate immediately the number of killed in Friday's quake but at least 6,000 persons have died since the first one.

Unofficial and unconfirmed reports said as many as 14,000 persons were killed in the first quake, which rocked thousands of square kilometres of Guatemala and other parts of Central America. As dawn broke, many residents

began digging through the rubble of their homes for belongings still inside and others dug shelters in case of further shocks.

Friday's jolt shook the capital for 20 to 25 seconds, registered 5.6 on the open-ended Richter Scale, according to the national observatory.

Colonel Guillermo Echeverria Vielma, coordinator of the emergency relief committee, said after shocks have caused many more deaths and injuries and that many injured in the massive Wednesday earthquake have since died.

An eerie silence befell the Guatemalan capital of 1½ million people after nightfall, as the aftershocks continued to tumble more homes and buildings. An old section of the general hospital was

evacuated safely minutes before it collapsed after shocks.

Reports from the provinces said entire villages were razed and starving survivors were eating rats or anything else they could get.

"I saw no sign of relief getting up there," Associated Press photographer Eddie Kolenowsky said after flying over one area. "We saw helicopters flying around but we did not see any landing. We saw no sign from the air of any relief."

The Government announcement said the state most affected was Chimaltenango near the epicentre about 50 kms. southwest of Guatemala City. In that area alone, the committee said, 4,714 dead had been reported up to Friday afternoon. The Friday afternoon shock raised

the death toll in the town of San Cruz Balaguna from 66 to 160, Echeverria said.

Echeverria said it was almost impossible to get relief aid into the western section of the country because of broken bridges and highways covered by landslides. Army trucks had to make a 220 km detour because of the smashed Agua Caliente bridge, 25 kms. from the capital, he said.

A Government decree ordered survivors and relief units to bury bodies in common graves to avoid epidemics.

Echeverria said more aid was on its way from several countries, including Venezuela, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Mexico and the U.S. (UPI, AP)

## 'Sahara summit set'

CAIRO. — The leaders of Morocco, Algeria and Mauritania will hold a summit meeting in Cairo to try to settle the dispute over phosphate-rich Spanish Sahara, "Akhbar el-Yom" reported yesterday.

The newspaper quoted informed sources as saying invitations to President Houari Boumedienne of Algeria, King Hassan of Morocco and President Mokhtar Ould Daddah of Mauritania would be sent after Algerian and Moroccan foreign ministers met in Cairo.

The sources told the newspaper the summit might be held early next month.

The newspaper said the "favourable atmosphere" to settle the conflict peacefully was established by Egyptian Vice-President Hosni Mubarak, who made three shuttles between Algeria and Morocco this

## SPAIN ENDS MANDATORY CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

MADRID. — The Spanish government has decided its citizens will no longer be automatically sentenced to death for killing soldiers or policemen.

In major reforms announced on Friday night, Justice Minister Antonio Garrigues said the government will repeal the mandatory capital punishment provision of Spain's tough anti-terrorist law. It was under this law that four urban guerrillas were executed last September and hundreds of opponents of the Franco regime detained.

Spain will also end emergency trial by military courts for guerrillas. But the wide-ranging police power to search homes of suspected terrorists will stay. Police will remain empowered to hold suspects for up to 10 days before bringing them before a magistrate.

The anti-terrorist law was passed by decree last August 27 after a spate of urban guerrilla violence and has been a major target for opposition attacks since.

Garrigues also announced that the government had drafted a bill to ease bans on political meetings which have been in force since Franco came to power after the 1936-39 Civil War. Under the bill certain

political meetings will be allowed after 72 hours' notice has been given to the local authority. Demonstrations and open air rallies will require 10 days' notice but private meetings of more than 18 people will no longer need police permission.

The outlawed Spanish Communist Party put the government's relaxed attitude to assembly to the test in days ago by turning a folk concert into a rally of militants.

The organizer received a police order banning subsequent concerts because of "lamentable" incidents listed as including insults shouted against King Juan Carlos and the police. (Reuters)

## South Africa hotels to be multi-racial

CAPE TOWN. — Sixteen South African hotels have been given government permission to go multi-racial from February 16. Until now, the hotels had been forced by South Africa's apartheid laws to apply for special permits every time a Black wanted to book a room.

The hotels include Johannesburg's five-star Landroest Hotel and the ridge's Hotel in Cape Town. (Reuters)

## Lockheed bribes ire Congress

WASHINGTON. — Disclosure of payoffs to foreign officials by Lockheed Aircraft Corporation is bringing demands in the U.S. Congress for an international code of business ethics that would outlaw the practice.

"It's not just an American problem," said Sen. Charles Percy at Friday's conclusion of hearings by the Senate subcommittee on multinational corporations. Testimony during the day described payoffs in Japan, the Netherlands, Sweden, Turkey and Germany.

The Senate made a start last week at a code of business ethics by adopting an amendment to a pending foreign military aid bill requiring contractors to report gifts, fees and commissions paid or offered in connection with U.S. weapons sales abroad.

A.C. Kotchian, Lockheed's chief operations officer, told the committee that the corporation paid at least \$5m. to Japanese officials, a high Dutch official and political figures in Italy to promote sales. None of the officials or politicians was named.

Last December, a spokesman for Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands denied that the Prince had received any money from Lockheed. But, according to the "Washington Post," Lockheed records show the firm paid out \$1.1m. in gifts to Prince Bernhard.

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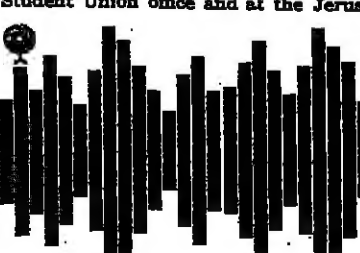
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## Government traps itself

THE TRADE union's area of business is, broadly speaking, the collective agreement. The purpose of a strike is generally to make the employer sign the agreement on the union's terms. Once it is signed, it binds both sides. Three labour disputes currently afflicting the country have either nothing to do with the agreement, or are in breach of it.

The telephone service in the Tel Aviv area (engineering department) struck on Friday because one man, secretary of the works committee, took a decision which properly belongs to management. He was brought before a disciplinary tribunal. Technically, the matter is *sub judice*.

The second dispute is no different. One man again, a ship's bosun this time, was charged with disciplinary offences, and his case is under examination. The ship *Teverya* is immobilised in Eilat harbour. The crew refuses to sail — unless the bosun travels with.

In the two cases the workers' representatives are, at least procedurally, infringing both the law and the collective agreement, which stipulates what steps should be taken when allegations are made of indiscipline or misconduct. Management is abiding by the rules; the workers are not.

The third imbroglio concerns the Timna Copper Mines, due for closure. The issue is, how much severance pay shall be given. The answer, once again, can be found in the collective agreement, which was signed by both parties. The employer is ready to do his part. The workers want more.

They claim a precedent. Employees at the Abu Rodeis oil-field got enlarged severance pay — why should not Timna receive the same? There is an answer. The Abu Rodeis workers also should not have received their exorbitant severance pay. When they were engaged to work in Abu Rodeis, it was known in advance that the job was for a limited span, never mind how productive the oil-pumping operation might be. Their high wages were designed to compensate them for this and for the harsh conditions of the work. But the government out of weakness never made clear the temporary nature of the employment and the basis for the high wages.

In any case Abu Rodeis is not the only workplace to have dismissed personnel. Last week a textile company went bankrupt, and a refrigerator plant in Jerusalem is laying off over a hundred men. In both cases the workers had to content themselves with what had been agreed with management. Why cannot Timna do the same?

It is relevant that all three disputes are with the Government. Timna belongs to the Government, so does the Telephone Service, and the State is part-owner of Zim. The Government is guilty of creating precedents in one workplace which other workplaces then adopt for their own demands. It is a habit born of an inherent weakness in negotiating with staff committees. The Government should learn not to create traps for itself by "buying" a respite when negotiating with a tough works committee. It should know by now that committees in other places of employment are watching.

The whole subject has become so entangled that a fresh start ought to be made. A law is needed to define which areas of business activity belong to management, which areas are negotiable, and what restraints are required when disputes are *sub judice* — even at the humble level of arbitration boards or disciplinary committees.

This law could be confined to the public service, which in other countries is subjected to particular discipline. In Israel the public service makes demands (through its works committees) that the private sector would not think of; which is another reason why its proceedings could well be contained within a tighter legal framework.

## Dry Bones



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## Dear Amos (Eran) replies to Dear Joe (Alsop)

The atmosphere of relative calm and self-satisfaction that pervaded Jerusalem following the interim agreement with Egypt was rudely shattered last December by a crashing broadside from well-known American journalist Joseph Alsop. In a lengthy piece in "The New York Times" Magazine, which he called "Open Letter to an Israeli Friend," Alsop accused Israel of baulking at peace negotiations and withdrawal, of flagrantly interfering in internal American politics, and of failing to act sensibly and decisively because of the intricate machinations of its own political leaders.

Congress had reacted with unexpected hostility to the interim agreement and the U.S. commitments it entailed, Alsop wrote. He mentioned one "winning Senator" — one of Israel's staunchest friends — who had begged the Secretary to cut the Administration's aid package to Israel. By voting for the full amount "he would also be voting for his own defeat at the next elections," the Senator had complained. Israel, wrote Alsop, had failed to "adjust" to the new Middle East reality in which the "U.S. and Egypt became friends again." This meant that the U.S. could now press meaningfully for progress to peace. Kissinger had embarked on his hapless March shuttle under the mistaken impres-

sion, induced by Rabin, that Israel would eventually concede the oil and the Passes — "Sadat's rock-bottom requirements." Rabin had had to backtrack during the course of the shuttle, Alsop asserts, because he feared Shimon Peres "out-bawling" him. "Israel's viciously competitive domestic politics had been allowed to take command." In the ensuing crisis, Israel had sought to tamper with U.S. internal politics — for instance by the letter of the 76 Senators, many of whose signatures were secured by "arm-twisting." This "direct, planned intervention... in American politics" had been, however, "a costly failure" in the long run. In August, the Israeli government turned about, under U.S. pressure, and accepted "what had been categorically refused a few months earlier."

Addressed to "Dear Amos," the open letter was widely taken as a message to the Director General of the Prime Minister's Office, Mr. Amos Eran — and via Eran to Rabin himself.

Many Israelis felt the Alsop letter was inspired to a large extent by Secretary of State Kissinger. Today, "Amos" publishes his reply in "The New York Times," and extracts of it appear below.

"Dear Joe" was compiled by three long-

time Rabin aides—Shlomo Argov, of the Foreign Ministry, who was the "ideas man," Yehuda Avner, of the Prime Minister's Office, who was the stylist, and Yossi Ben-Aharon, also of the Premier's Office, who orchestrated the effort. Alsop in his letter warned that "trouble has begun between Israel and America," and predicted that the trouble would grow if Israel continued on its present course. While the basic sympathy remained firm, he wrote, and while thinking Americans — including the President — believed that Israel's demise "might fatally corrode the whole fabric of American society," the scars of the March 1975 crisis had not been healed by the successful August shuttle and a "residue of increased hardness" remained.

Alsop charged that Israel's reluctance now to negotiate a Golan accord stems from pressure by the three kibbutz movements that their settlements on the frontier not be moved. Americans — including American Jews — will "desert" Israel if it continues to balk at peace talks.

President Ford believes that "most Americans are willing to take great risks to preserve the state of Israel, but they are not willing to take great risks to preserve Israel's conquests."

## Hitting back at a critic

Dear Joe,

You have raised a host of issues as well as levelled some very serious charges, beginning with the accusation that we have been guilty of "attempts to influence (U.S.) national policy in the Middle East by interfering in American domestic politics." If by "interference" in American politics you are referring to our efforts to explain our case to all sectors of the American public, including Congress, then I plead guilty to the charge. If by "interference" you allude to Israel's ties with 6 million American Jews and their support of Israel's struggle for survival, then I plead guilty to this charge as well. If by "interference" you have in mind our plea for expressions of support and understanding for our cause from all Americans, if only to counter the economic hatred and bigotry that has been unleashed at us, then I plead guilty to this charge too.

You really feel that this runs counter to the tenets and principles of American democracy and is not within the rights of American citizens in the exercise of their political and civil rights? I would prefer to leave to Americans to decide this. I have confidence in your great Republic and the brave, generous and decent people that have made America the hope of mankind.

Your other charge — which seems to me to involve "interference" in our domestic affairs — is that we have given precedence to considerations of internal national politics over those relating to our international relations and which you enjoin us from doing ever again in the future: ("...The new situation most certainly requires you to keep Israel domestic politics out of all future Middle Eastern negotiations involving American national policy.")

What you require of us is that our Parliament, the Knesset, be emancipated, the press be muzzleed, Israeli public opinion be disregarded, the opposition parties severely curbed and criticism restrained if not quashed.

Having said this, I should like to address those bilateral issues which you refer to as "cases." The first "case" you put forward is the so-called "March 1975 crisis."

I emphatically reject your contention that we had misled the Secretary of State, albeit unintentionally, and that he undertook the mission on a false premise. There was no such thing and your own State Department has since confirmed this fact in a public statement.

But what interests me here is the principle rather than the details. The issue between my government and yours at that time was over the price Israel should pay, in terms of its own security interests, to achieve an interim agreement with Egypt that would also further American interests. For our part, we had the U.S. interest very much in mind.

President Sadat knew how important such an agreement was to America and would therefore not budge from his demands, anticipating that Israel would be pressed into capitulating to his conditions. In retrospect, I sometimes wonder whether the first shuttle was really all that much of a failure. A case might be made that had it not been for the experience of March, there might never have been an August.

To give up the oilfields and the strategic passes for the kind of map and arrangements Egypt was offering us in March would have been madness. Which country would voluntarily relinquish 80 per cent of its available oil supply when in so doing it gives up its only energy resource? Let me remind you that we did so, not in return for peace, but in return for the scant hope of movement towards peace. How much more is expected of us in order to demonstrate how much we want peace and are ready to take risks to bring it about?

The same is true with respect to the Sinai passes. No new line of defence can fully compensate for our withdrawal from the most strategic assets in the Sinai. What brought about our eventual agreement to pull back was the fact that Egypt finally

agreed to a more reasonable map and to arrangements that reduced our military risks following our withdrawal. This includes not only the participation of United Nations forces, and the fact that the vital early warning station at Um Hanehla remains under our operation. It is also because America agreed to join in transforming the strategic area of the passes into a credible early warning system through the presence of a small number of its own civilian technicians and the early warning posts they are to man themselves.

I do not know whether you realise that it was Egypt's President Sadat, not Israel, who first proposed an American presence. Admittedly, we had much to say about this presence, and how it should be utilised without supplanting the responsibilities of the parties to the agreement. Our attitude was not founded on partisan Israeli domestic politics as you suggest. It was an objective consideration of how to achieve a reasonably good agreement with Egypt that had a better chance of holding up. I can honestly think of no better example of America's diplomatic achievement in our area than this aspect of the agreement. Both sides, Egypt as well as Israel, have placed their confidence in the United States to lend credibility to the early warning system through the presence there of civilian American technicians. And as we have declared publicly, if the arrangements do not work out as we both hope, then Israel will be the first to ask the Americans to leave. We don't want, or need, any Americans to fight our wars.

### "The bargain"

Your government did not have to "pressure" us into accepting the interim accord with Egypt as you imply. An examination of recent history reveals we had been the prime initiators of the step-by-step approach to peace with Egypt, going back as early as 1970. You should remember this from our conversations in Washington at the time.

Which brings me to the military and economic aspect of the agreement, that which you call "the bargain"....

The maintenance of an arms balance is crucial under all circumstances. Russia is trying hard to tilt the balance against us, mainly through Syria, Libya and Iraq, thus restoring the military option and thereby blocking the conditions that make movement towards peace feasible. What these Arab countries are getting in massive quantities, and what Egypt to an extent already possesses, is the new generation of offensive weapons. As you know, western countries are also not idle in negotiating their own big arms deals with Arab states in their search for petrodollars. This places upon us an enormous defence burden. Weapons are tremendously expensive and your government alone can supply us the means to preserve some measure of balance.

So the economic aid package of 1976 was no "bargain" given in return for Israel's signature to the interim agreement. It is an indispensable instrument in support of the purposes of the agreement and we have trust in the good sense of Congress to see that....

It should also be emphasized that before Israel turns to America for assistance, we demand the maximum of ourselves. We are lowering our standard of living and are taxing ourselves to the limit. This year the level of taxation will reach 70% of our national income. Israel's total expenditure on defence will amount this year to close to 35% of its GNP, as compared to 6% in your own country.

What is downright infuriating in your letter is the aspersions you have cast on our desire for peace. In all fairness, how could you bring yourself to say this to a nation that

was so treacherously attacked as we were just two years ago? How could you say this to a small nation that still grieves for 3,000 of its sons who died in just three weeks of war?

Worse still, how can you say that to those who have taken more risks and sacrificed more than anyone in order to probe even the slightest chance of progress towards peace? ("Amos" now reviews the Yom Kippur War and the agreements, that followed it, stressing the sacrifices Israel made in these agreements.)

Now you accuse us of preventing an interim agreement with Syria by means of a "secret plan to stall the Middle Eastern peace-making process in every way possible throughout 1976." The U.S., you tell us, "can get Israel an interim agreement with Syria if the Israeli forces on the Golan Heights are pulled back only four kilometres," and President Hafez Assad of Syria is "visibly longing to be independent of the Soviets." How simple you make it sound: An interim agreement is within grasp if only the Israeli troops on the Golan Heights are pulled back four kilometres. And how irresponsible for Israel not to do so! After all, according to you, even after such a withdrawal, we would still be "in contact of more than enough of the Golan Heights to protect the vulnerable Israeli lowlands." This complete disregard of the topographical realities of the terrain involved is incredible coming from a renowned military correspondent.

The motives you attribute to us for holding on to these four kms. are that there are three agricultural villages (kibbutzim) in this area. Let me put you right about those three kibbutzim.

They were located where they are, not in deference to the "influence of kibbutz movements on the Knesset," but because of the strategic significance of those very same four kilometres to which you refer. Whosoever controls this four kilometre strip, controls the strategic line of hills extending from north to south which comprises the most important strategic element in the area.

### Small standing army

The loss of these highpoints would deprive Israel of a crucial part of its early warning capacity which is so essential in our unique circumstances.

Please remember that ours is a very small standing army. It is up to this army to contain the enemy until reserve units mobilize and arrive at the front. In such circumstances, a few hours advance notice can be crucial to the entire outcome. Those hills in that four km. strip that you tell us to relinquish are those few hours.

You are in effect asking us to submit ourselves once again to that same process which has seen Israel who every war imposed upon us only to be left with the conditions inviting the next war. Let us face it, what your letter now heralds is more of the same.

("Amos" now traces the history of Israel's wars, the pressures exerted on her following each victory, and the Arabs' refusal each time to negotiate peace.)

In every single instance — 1948,

1956, 1967, 1973 — Israel the victor, came forward with a plea for peace. It made tangible unilateral concessions to create the conditions for peace negotiations. Each time we were rebuffed and the Arabs made certain to preserve the seeds of the conflict intact.

Now, you have the audacity to tell us that we have "not made a realistic effort to adjust to the radically novel situation produced by America's changed relations with these (Arab) neighbours of yours. Such an adjustment is now more urgent than ever unless you Israelis want still more trouble between our two countries."

Let me tell you: we have made adjustments. What is the "interim agreement" if not an adjustment? As for that "radically novel situation produced by America's changed relations with these Arab neighbours of yours," it is one which produced this "novel situation" in the first place by consistently thwarting every Soviet-backed Arab attempt to destroy us.

The record shows that we are sensitive to U.S. interests in the Middle East. Moreover, we consider that we have a great deal of commonality with those interests and we are certainly willing to continue to contribute our share to that commonality. But on condition that they do not jeopardize our security....

### Message to Arabs

During the course of that war, the U.S. publicly dramatized its support for Israel in an unprecedented fashion through its shift that brought us arms in order to counter the massive Soviet sea and airlift to Egypt and Syria. And yet, within months, Arab capitals, Cairo and Damascus among them, restored their relations with Washington.

By its actions then, Washington delivered a clear message to Arab capitals that it will not tolerate a military solution to the conflict. Consequently, Washington emerged as the single credible address for diplomatic efforts. Moscow's political influence substantially subsided. Russia has no leverage over Israel in Arab eyes. It is diplomatically impotent when it comes to using its influence to win anything at all from Israel. Only Washington can hold out that hope. All that Russia can provide is the military means for a military option and that remains a risk so long as Israel reveals it is ready to fight and America assists Israel in the maintenance of its defensive strength.

We ask for nothing more. Our defence is our own responsibility which is a major reason why even though for real peace we are ready to compromise on territory, we will not be pushed back all the way to the fragile, indefensible borders of 1967.

Security even in today's age of international misery, is still a function of geography. We learned that when in 1948 we found our fate today if the Yom Kippur War had started from those tragic, twisting pre-67 lines. I would not be writing you from Jerusalem and you would, by now, probably be recovering from that "flood of guilt and hatred and recrimination" that you forecast in the event of our demise.

Sincerely yours,  
Amos

## READERS' LETTERS

### HOW TO SERVE

#### EGGED CRISIS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — It is unlikely that the crisis at Egged can be solved by giving the bus cooperative a loan of IL50m. as, later another IL100m. The same situation will come up regularly in the future.

The fact is that things have changed since the early thirties when the bus cooperatives were founded. At that time, there was no capital available and this was the only possible set up to handle the steadily growing traffic in town and throughout the country. But the time for big cooperatives has passed. Hardly any of the founders are still members of the cooperative; they have retired, died or left. The same developments affected the cooperative banks which all have disappeared.

The transfer of Egged to Government is hardly advisable. However, the present set up should be changed into a limited company, with members receiving transferable shares. The Government should have a say in the new company by acquiring shares in it.

HERMANN ELLER

Jerusalem, January 27.

### APPEAL AGAINST ABORTION LAW

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post:

Sir, — Members of the Knesset seem to forget that whatever tortures were inflicted on our people for 2,000 years, we steadfastly held firm to our faith in the sanctity of every Jew, soul. Let us not undo our people, and kill our own children before the age is born.

For practical people who want facts, here are two: I was born with congenital heart defect, considered inevitably fatal by most doctors at the time. (Today, after open-heart surgery as a young adult, I feel that G-d as energetic as the next person.) Today, if a prospective mother wd informed that her child would be born with a "fatal" physical defect, she might have an abortion. Second: My husband and I had been childless for years when we adopted a wonderful, clever little Sabra. His wife, underage mother might have had an abortion under the abortifacient law now being discussed. We pray he'll grow up to be an important part of Israel's most precious national resource.

HAPPY MOTHE

(name and address supplied)

Beerseba, January 28.

### TREE-MENDOUS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post:

Sir, — I think the Tu B'Shvat magazine strip cartoon of "Dry Bones" was simply tree-mendous, and I suspect that his bark is just as bad as his bite. He clear demonstrates that we are not out of the woods yet.

When we Gola Jews see his effort "Dry Bones" makes us realize who, our roots really are. Though we sometimes fail to see the wood for the trees we feel we are an important branch of the Jewish State. We want to leave you in the lurch.

I only want to know something when an ancient tree dies does it say Olive B'Shvat? Or am I barking up the wrong tree?

BERNARD MORRI

Montreal, January 28.

### CHINA MEMORIES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post:

Sir, — It was with great interest that I read the article entitled "A Look at the Jews of China," by Geoffrey Wigoder (January 30). I was particularly interested in the detailed description of the main synagogue in Shanghai, because, on January 19, 1946, I was called up to read the Torah, on my Bar Mitzva, in that very same synagogue. The details of that day have been carefully preserved in my memory, and in my mind's eye, I can still see the crowded synagogue, and hear my reading of the Torah, albeit with an Ashkenazi accent, on that day.

LEON JEDDIKIN

Savoyon (Montreal), February 1.

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